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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 10TH, 1906.

MR. GRIFFITH BOSCAWEN, the Unionist candidate in the Tuenmoo division, scored neatly at a meeting which the Liberals attempted to break up. He was talking about Chinese labour. He read one or two clauses in the Ordinance, and at the end of each asked: "Is that slavery?" "Yes," was shouted in chorus. "I have been reading from the British Guiana Ordinance, sanctioned by a Radical Government," replied the speaker, much to the delight of his supporters. That is a very good story, but it is by no means the only one. We received by yesterday's mail "Further Correspondence relating to Labour in the Transvaal Mines," [Oct. 2788] in which Lord Elgin's message to Lord Selborne on Jan. 5th is published. That was the telegram in which the new Government, having "carefully considered the action to be taken with regard to the licences for importation granted under the Labour Importation Ordinance," repudiated all responsibility for any arrangements of the Labour Importation Agency, and declaring that from the date on which they assumed office nothing should be done to add to the number of Chinese labourers imported. This was regarded as a very momentous action, and certainly not as a laughing matter; but the opponents and critics of the new administration may be excused if subsequent developments prompt them to sardonic laughter. The Standard seems entitled to the credit for first pointing out how the new

Colonial Secretary had "put his foot in it." The Ordinance referred to by Lord Elgin received the Royal assent and became law on March 11th, 1904; and the Colonial Secretary had no legal right to suspend or abrogate it by means of a "simple communication"—the eminent K.C. consulted by the Standard meant no double entendre—forwarded by him to the Transvaal authorities. Mr. MONTAGUE SHEARMAN said: "I know of no power vested in the Secretary of State for the Colonies now to disallow the Ordinance upon his own initiative. Any further right of the Crown must, in my opinion, be exercised through his Majesty's Privy Council." This opinion, we understand, is now confirmed by Sir RICHARD SOLOMONS, the South African Attorney General. It is an opinion which, after all, seems to need very little additional authority, being of the nature of a self-evident proposition. Either the Law Officers of the Crown made a curious mistake, or they were not even consulted. In the latter event, Lord Elgin's claim that the matter had received careful consideration must have been made in inadvertence. It is a pity that mere electioneering claptrap should have forced His Majesty's Government into such an undignified position. The Colonial Legislature had better be allowed to manage its own affairs, with only formal interference, if such blunders are to be the result of reforming zeal.

The tenth plague fatality was recorded yesterday.

Police Court news, local sport, church notices and share report will be found on page 5.

Likin is to be abolished in Manchuria. This means in name only; it remains as the Consumption Tax.

The police of the inner city at Peking are to wear Western uniform, and have hair at the back of the head shaved off.

H. K. Chang Yin-fang, special Chinese Commissioner for concluding a treaty with Great Britain concerning Tibet, has wired to Peking stating that negotiations for the Tibetan treaty were to be re-opened on the 1st inst.

A fracas occurred between the Viceroy's bodyguard and the police in the Tientsin Settlement on Jan. 27th, through a regrettable misunderstanding, but it was amicably arranged to the satisfaction of all concerned.

A palpable misprint in our reference to the late Mr. Bonner made his age appear greater than it really was. He was, in fact, about forty years old; and could well have passed as several years younger.

Lord Elgin's action in suspending the immigration of Chinese coolies to South Africa is declared unconstitutional and void, by Mr. Montague Shearmen, K.C. The Labour Ordinance must be repealed in the ordinary way.

The Russian Government has agreed to pay indemnity for the losses sustained by Chinese during the Vladivostok riot in November, but desires to wait for the complete restoration of tranquillity before going into the matter of the later disturbances. Vladivostok is still in a state of uproar.

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly & Potts have received from Shanghai the following telegrams:—The Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd., has declared a final dividend of Tls. 3, making Tls. 6 per share for 1905. The Shanghai Pulp and Paper Co., Ltd., has declared a final dividend of Tls. 8, making Tls. 14 per share for 1905.

At the American Consulate-General at Shanghai on Feb. 2nd, a meeting was held of the creditors of the Eastern Java Trading Company, whose proprietor and manager, St. Clair, disappeared just before the China New Year Holidays. It was decided to make strong efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of St. Clair. With regard to certain property on the premises of the Company and belonging to other people, it was decided to return such to its rightful owners upon the latter establishing their claim to same.

The report of the Japan Beer Brewery Co., Ltd. ("Kirin"), for 1905, shows a distributable balance of Y128,702, the paid-up capital of the Company being Y450,000. It may be noted that the beer tax paid for the year amounted to Y183,228. The directors propose to pay a dividend of 20 per cent., or Y90,000, to reserve, bringing that fund up to Y290,000, and carry forward the balance, Y8,702. The demand for Kirin beer is so great that the company has had to make, and still has to make, great extensions to its property and plant. Its total assets on December 31st last were Y1,087,254.

The following are the terms on which the Treasury Bills for £10,640,000 to be taken up by French banks are to be issued:—Five and a half per cent. interest, plus one per cent. commission, half of which is to be paid by the banks to customers who purchase the bills to make up the interest on them to six per cent. They may be redeemed at par up to December 31, 1906, in French, German, or Russian currency. The bills will be signed by the Russian Treasury, but will not be secured by any mortgage. The operation will not mean the export of French gold. The money raised will remain on deposit, to be drawn on by the Russian Government.

Among those on the (London) platform to see Prince Arthur off were the Japanese Ambassador and the personnel of the Embassy, Admiral Sir Adolphus FitzGeorge, Sir A. and Lady Egerton, Sir Thomas Sutherland, and a number of other friends of the members of the Mission. The Japanese Ambassador had a long interview with Prince Arthur in the Royal waiting-room.

Captain Badham-Thorhill, R.G.A., latterly serving with No. 46 Company, Dover, has been posted to No. 83 Company, Hongkong, whither he proceeds next month. Captain Badham-Thorhill, who recently passed through a course of study in the Japanese language, joined the Royal Artillery in January, 1888, got his captaincy in 1903, and whilst a subaltern saw service in the China campaign, 1900, he being then in the Hongkong Singapore Battalion R.G.A.

Mr. Maruyama (formerly Chief of Police in Nagasaki-ken), the Japanese adviser of the Police Department in Corea, has just inspected three prisoners under the Chemulpo jurisdiction. He reports (says the Japan Mail) that the 25 prisoners detained in these places have only one garment, in spite of the bitter cold; that they have no sleeping furniture, and that they receive but one meal a day. Mr. Maruyama describes their condition as most pitiable. He adds that among these prisoners there are some who have been ten years in confinement without judgment being definitely pronounced on them, their offences being that they sold land to Japanese subjects. Mr. Maruyama obtained the immediate release of three men, and has drawn up a very strongly-worded report.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. A. G. Fitton, D.S.O., and Officers, the band of the Second Battalion "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment) will play the following programme of music during dinner at the Hongkong Hotel this (Saturday) evening:—
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Overture to "Light Cavalry," Verdi
Valse "Amoureuse," Chopin
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[FROM OUR CANTON CORRESPONDENT]

February 8th.
THE IMPRISONED REBO.
Lai Kwai-pui has written from his prison thanking the people for appointing him President and Chief Director of the Railway, and asking that, pending his release, the Vice-President be empowered to act.

MORE MONEY.
At another assembly yesterday, further shares to the value of about \$1,000,000 were issued. The two proprietors of the Sun-wei Tobacco Factory (brothers) were the chief subscribers, each taking \$100,000 worth. So great was the rush of applicants that a big house over the way was taken, and used in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce as a place of issue or enrolment.

A LOOHPHOLE TO SAVE THE VICE-REGAL FACE.
Viceroy Chou Fu has sent a despatch to the Canton gentry, saying that Viceroy Shun had just assured him he had no prejudice or ill-feeling against the man he had imprisoned. It was merely that they had improperly thwarted his taxation plans when the people seemed ready to accept some of them. He had all along stated his willingness to memorialize for their re-instatement. If any gentry would now come forward to bail him out, he (Viceroy Shun) would be pleased to release Lai Kwai-pui at once.

ADVISED TO ACCEPT THIS.
The best indication of the weight of public opinion is in Viceroy Chou Fu's concluding remarks, wherein he advises the gentry to accept that solution.

He says:—Viceroy Shun should know that the railway is an important affair, and if there is discord between the officials and the gentry, how is it possible to raise funds? How can the railway be constructed? You, Hui Ying-kwai, you are a venerable and eminent man; the people of your native place look up to you, and you should exhort the gentry and merchants to assist this public affair, and unite their efforts to devise means to raise funds. I suggest that you and the gentry might send petitions to Viceroy Shun and request him to make a decree reinstating Lai and give him powers to control and work the railway affairs. I am sure Viceroy Shun would consent to it and that you will agree with my suggestion. I would also suggest another way which is also workable. That would be to get the 72 guilds to petition to Viceroy Shun and ask that Lai Kwai-pui should take control of the financial and other arrangements, and that the railway should be entirely in the hands of the merchants; the officials only to give protection and examine the line when completed. Thus all ill-feeling would be removed and harmony would again prevail. Your humble younger brother is only working to this end. For the public interest I trust you will use your great power to assist in this matter. Lai took up the matter for the public good, and will surely overlook and dismiss the thought that what has happened to him has been a disgrace.

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Sir Edward Arthur Colebrooke has been raised to the peerage.

KING OF SPAIN'S MARRIAGE.

LONDON, February 9th.

King Alfonso of Spain has announced his betrothal to Princess Ena of Battenberg and that the marriage will probably take place on June 2nd.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, February 7th.

At a meeting of the National Rifle Association, it was announced that teams from the Malay States and Uganda would compete at Bisley.

THE COERCION ACT IN IRELAND.

LONDON, February 7th.

The Privy Council in Dublin have revoked the proclamation under the Coercion Act.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

LONDON, February 7th.

An Army Order increases the pay of colour-sergeants by sixpence a day.

THE RELIGIOUS RIOTS IN FRANCE.

LONDON, February 7th.

Disturbances have occurred in the churches at Alencon, Cherbourg and Saint Cloud, where the revolutionaries broke into the Cathedral, burned the confessional, and threw a statue of the Madonna into the river.

THE LONDON COUNCILLORS IN PARIS.

LONDON, February 7th.

President Loubet has received the London County Councilors most cordially. A portion of the Edinburgh Corporation will visit Paris in April, and the Lyons Municipality has accepted an invitation to Manchester.

RUSSIA.

LONDON, February 7th.

Four incidents appear to show that the Russian revolutionaries are only biding their time; three accidental explosions of bombs, causing numerous deaths, have occurred at Sosnovoye, Odessa, and Bielsostock, and a Russian named Kowelsky has been arrested at Ghent in a house containing 200 rifles, 20,000 cartridges and 50 revolvers.

[N.C. Daily News Service]

THE RUSSO-CHINESE NEGOTIATIONS.

Peking, February 2nd.

It is stated on good authority that the first meeting between H.E. Tang Shao-yi and the Russian Minister took place on January 23rd, and that it was not a mere meeting to arrange for future negotiations, but that H.E. Tang then submitted certain demands with regard to Manchuria.
The Russian Minister promised to reply after consideration, and the meeting ended, but as no reply has been made, the Chinese Government has been making representations to the Russian Minister.
It is now expected that a second meeting will take place as soon as Russia has sent her reply, and the responsibility for the negotiations will be laid on T. E. Chu Hung-chi, Grand Councillor, and Tang Shao-yi.

AN IMPORTANT CORRECTION.

Tokyo, February 2nd.

The statement made by Reuters' correspondent at Tokyo, that Baron Terauchi, Minister of War, had suggested that England should increase her army—a statement which has created a sensation in London and aroused adverse comment—is a misrepresentation. At the meeting of the Budget Committee on Wednesday, Mr. Oishi asked whether, in view of the apparent inadequacy of the defence of India, it was intended to enter into negotiations with England. Baron Terauchi avoided a direct reply and only said that such a case might occur if the necessity arose.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The O. & O. str. *Coptic* left Manila on the 8th inst. at 4 p.m. and is expected to arrive here about noon to-day.

The I.G.M. str. *Princess Alice*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 18th ult., left Singapore on the 9th inst. at 9 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 13th inst. at 3 p.m.

The P. & O. str. *Pera* left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst. at 8 a.m.

The P. & O. str. *Bunce* left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst. at 10 a.m.

The Boston S.S. Co.'s str. *Tremont* sailed from Kobe on the 5th Feb. for Hongkong via Shanghai and Manila.

The Boston S.S. Co.'s str. *Lyra* arrived at Victoria (B.C.) on the 29th Jan.

The congested traffic and overcrowding of the port of Antwerp have become so dangerous that the Antwerp Shipping Federation, comprising every important shipping house, has sent a protest and petition to every member of both Houses of the Belgian Parliament urging the necessity of an immediate vote. The port authority is no longer able to control the traffic.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The eighty-first report of the court of directors to the ordinary half-yearly general meeting of shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 24th February, is as follows:—

To the Proprietors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
Gentlemen,—The directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Bank, and balance sheet for the half-year ending Dec. 31st, 1905.

The net profits for that period, including \$1,702,728.85, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to \$4,864,395.72.

The directors recommend the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the profit and loss account to credit of the silver reserve fund, which fund will then stand at \$9,500,000.

After making this transfer and deducting remuneration to directors there remains for appropriation \$3,864,395.72, out of which the directors recommend the payment of a dividend of one pound and fifteen shillings sterling per share, which at 4/6 will absorb \$622,222.22, and a bonus of one pound sterling per share, which at 4/6 will absorb \$355,555.55.

The differences in exchange between 4/6, the rate at which the dividend and bonus are declared, and 2/1, the rate of the day, amounts to \$1,171,840.55.

The balance, \$1,699,777.40, to be carried to new profit and loss account.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. A. Haupt has been elected Chairman for the year 1906, and the Honourable Mr. C. W. Dickinson Deputy Chairman.

Mr. H. Schubart having resigned his seat on leaving the Colony, Mr. C. R. Lommann has been invited to fill the vacancy; the appointment requires confirmation at this meeting.

Mr. H. A. W. Slade, Mr. Shollin and Mr. E. Goetz retire in rotation, but being eligible for re-election, offer themselves accordingly.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. W. Hutton Potts and Mr. A. G. Wood, who offer themselves for re-election.

ABSTRACT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, December 31st, 1905.

| LIABILITIES. | \$ | cts |
|---|----------------|-----|
| Paid-up capital | 10,000,000.00 | 00 |
| Reserve fund | 10,000,000.00 | 00 |
| Silver reserve fund | 9,500,000.00 | 00 |
| Marine insurance account | 8,200,000.00 | 00 |
| Notes in circulation | 250,000.00 | 00 |
| Authorized issue against securities deposited with the Crown Agents for the Colonies | 19,000,000.00 | 00 |
| Additional issue authorized by Hongkong Ordinance No. 10 of 1900, against coin lodged with the Hongkong Government | 9,053,943.00 | 00 |
| Current accounts | 10,633,943.00 | 00 |
| Fixed Deposits | 470,174,031.56 | 00 |
| Gold, \$1,432,633 11/16 | 45,125,816.76 | 00 |
| | 115,299,848.32 | 00 |
| Bills payable (including drafts on London bankers, call loans and short sight drawings on London office against bills receivable and bullion shipments) | 16,180,101.29 | 00 |
| Profit and loss account | 4,864,395.72 | 00 |
| Liability on bills of exchange received, \$3,400,868 17/8, of which \$2,904,137 8/8 have since run off. | 290,803,679.66 | 00 |
| | 47,297,646.18 | 00 |

| ASSETS. | \$ | cts |
|---|----------------|-----|
| Cash | 10,000,000.00 | 00 |
| Gold lodged with the Hongkong Government against coin circulation in excess of \$10,000,000 | 10,000,000.00 | 00 |
| Bullion in hand and in transit | 6,189,028.38 | 00 |
| Indian Government rupee paper | 1,876,978.38 | 00 |
| Consols, colonial and other securities | 9,989,392.93 | 00 |
| Reserve fund investments, viz:— | | |
| \$270,000 21 per cent. Consols at 85 | 4,844,500 | 00 |
| (of which \$250,000 lodged with the Bank of England as a special London reserve) | | |
| \$25,000 21 per cent. national war loan at 90 | 225,000 | 00 |
| \$25,000 other sterling securities, written down to | 280,000 | 00 |
| | 5,349,500.00 | 00 |
| Bills discounted, loans and credits | 91,441,181.55 | 00 |
| Bills receivable | 112,710,596.63 | 00 |
| Bank promises | 1,167,110.34 | 00 |
| | 229,803,679.66 | 00 |

GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, December 31st, 1905.

| To | \$ | cts |
|--|--------------|-----|
| Amounts Written Off:— | | |
| Remuneration to Directors | 15,000.00 | 00 |
| To Dividend Account:— | | |
| \$1 15/16 per share on \$9,000 shares—\$140,600 at 4/6 | 622,222.22 | 00 |
| Bonus of \$1 per share on \$9,000 shares—\$9,000 at 4/6 | 355,555.55 | 00 |
| | 977,777.77 | 00 |
| To dividend adjustment account:— | | |
| Differences in exchange between 4/6, the rate at which the dividend and bonus are declared, and 2/1, the rate of the day | 1,171,840.55 | 00 |
| To transfer to silver reserve fund | 1,000,000.00 | 00 |
| To balance forward to next half-year | 1,699,777.40 | 00 |
| | 4,864,395.72 | 00 |

| By | \$ | cts |
|---|--------------|-----|
| Balance of undivided profits, Jan. 1st, 1905 | 1,702,728.85 | 00 |
| By Amount of net profits for the six months ending December 31st, 1905, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, deducting all expenses and interest paid and due | 3,161,666.87 | 00 |
| | 4,864,395.72 | 00 |

| STERLING RESERVE FUND. | \$ | cts |
|--|---------------|-----|
| To Balance | 10,000,000.00 | 00 |
| By Balance June 30th, 1905 | 8,500,000.00 | 00 |
| By Transfer from profit and loss account | 1,000,000.00 | 00 |
| | 10,000,000.00 | 00 |

| SILVER RESERVE FUND. | \$ | cts |
|--|---------------|-----|
| To Balance | 9,500,000.00 | 00 |
| By Balance June 30th, 1905 | 8,500,000.00 | 00 |
| By Transfer from profit and loss account | 1,000,000.00 | 00 |
| | 10,000,000.00 | 00 |

THE ROYAL VISIT.

ARRIVAL OF H.R.H. PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

Yesterday morning the Colony was agog with excitement. By daybreak everybody seemed on the tip-toe of expectation. The P. & O. steamer *Dongola* bringing the Royal visitor was comparatively near, and the community had prepared itself to do H.R.H. honour and to receive him with that loyalty which is characteristic of all British colonies. Although the death of the King of Denmark had thrown the Royal Family into mourning and necessitated the deletion of the more gay and festive events from the reception programme, the greeting accorded Prince Arthur of Connaught was of the heartiest nature and must have been agreeable to His Royal Highness.

It is interesting to note that this is the fourth occasion in the Colony that it has been honoured by the presence of Royalty. The first was in 1863 when the Duke of Edinburgh spent a fortnight here, the second was in 1881, when Prince Albert Victor and Edward spent Christmas in Hongkong, and the third was in 1890 when the parents of our present Royal guest, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, visited the Colony for a few days. Notwithstanding some differences of opinion engendered by the manner of carrying out the arrangements, the warmth and genuineness of the welcome yesterday extended to the representative of the Royal Family indicate that there is no diminution in that affection for the Throne which has been so emphatically expressed on previous Royal visits. An added interest in the event was furnished by the mission on which Prince Arthur has set out—the presentation of the Order of the Garter to the Emperor of Japan—and by the fact that the Japanese community took in yesterday's proceedings.

At one time

derable length at his meeting. "There must be a number of gentlemen here who have received this scandalous document," he said. "I hope it produced the same feeling of shame and disgust in them as it produced in me. I think it is absolutely disgraceful. I think it is one of the meanest things I have ever known."

Office hours 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
No. 2, PEDDER STREET (next to the
General Post Office and opposite to the Side
Entrance to the Hongkong Hotel).
Hongkong, July 5th, 1905.

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Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 a.m. on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 12th, 13th and 14th instant, respectively.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,

Hongkong, 10th February, 1906. [395]

ADVERTISER sends British Newspapers, Periodicals or Pictorial Post Cards in exchange for good used Colonial Stamps.

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FIRST FLOOR (4 Rooms), YORK BUILDING.

Apply to—

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1906. [395]

TO LET.

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

TWO ROOMS, suitable for Office, lately occupied by Messrs. SHARP & FRANKS, Barbers at Law. Easy access through one another. Rent moderate.

Apply to—

N. MODY & CO.,

54 & 56, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 10th February, 1906. [182]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 9th March, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd instant to the 8th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order,

C. PEMBERTON,

Hongkong, 10th February, 1906. [399]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR," Captain A. Stewart, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.,

Hongkong, 9th February, 1906. [332]

PROPOSALS FOR FRESH VEGETABLES.

HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINES DIVISION, OFFICE CHIEF COMMISSARY, Manila, P.I., February 10, 1906.

SEALED PROPOSALS, in triplicate, will be received at this Office until 11 o'clock A.M., TUESDAY, April 10, 1906, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of attending bidders, for the furnishing and delivery to the Subsistence Department at Manila, P.I., of such quantities of fresh potatoes and fresh onions as may be required during the period from July 1, 1906, to October 31, 1906, both dates inclusive. Deliveries to be at such times and in such quantities as may be required. About 720,000 pounds of potatoes and about 144,000 pounds of onions will be required per month. The accepted vegetables will be submitted free of customs duties. Each proposal must be accompanied by a bidder's guarantee in the amount of \$5,000.00, or by a certified check for that amount on a bank of approved standing in Manila. The bidder to whom award is made will be required to give bond the penalty of which will be fixed by the Chief Commissary. Blank forms for proposals, copies of advertisement and specifications, bidder's guarantee, and all necessary information can be obtained on application to this Office. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked "Proposals for Fresh Vegetables to be opened April 10, 1906," and addressed to the undersigned, A. L. SMITH, Colonel, A.C.G., U.S. Army, Chief Commissary. 409

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"DONGOLA,"

FROM LONDON, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From London, &c., ex s.s. Mongolia.

From Bombay, ex s.s. Simla.

From Persian Gulf ex s.s. B.I.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 15th inst., at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent, Hongkong, 9th February, 1906. [1]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"ZIBENGHLA,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. To-day, the 9th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1906. [303]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at Consignee's risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M., of the 12th instant, will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from along-side, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1906. [392]

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"TEUTONIA,"

Captain Osterreich, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-side.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-day.

Any Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th Feb will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th Feb., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office.

—on 9th February, 1906. [394]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS and CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT

is now ready and contains—

Epitome of the Week's News.

Leading Articles—

China for the Chinese.

More Russian Demands of China.

Congerity.

Very Little Change.

The Cotton Revival.

Hongkong Sanitary Board.

Supreme Court.

Companies—

The Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.

Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.

Murder of a Hongkong Ex-Gaoler.

The Canton-Hankow Railway.

Canton.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Death of Mr. E. A. Bonner.

Missionaries Attacked.

Shooting Fatality at Macao.

Hongkong and the Housing Question.

The 2s. 4d. Dollar.

Daring Robbery at Canton.

The Shanghai Municipal Election.

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Extra copies 30 cents each, Cash.

Copies can be posted from the Office to addresses sent; including postage 34 cents each, or \$1 for three copies Cash.

Subscription: \$12 per Annum, payable in advance, postage 32.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1906.

WANTED.

PORTUGUESE CLERK, with some experience; knowledge of Typewriting and Stenography preferred, but not absolutely necessary.

Apply, in writing, to—"C,"

Care of "Daily Press" Office.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1906. [387]

WANTED.

TREATY and COAST PORTS.

BUSINESS MAN, shortly visiting above, desires COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES, &c.

Address—"TOTO,"

P.O. Box 414.

Hongkong, 3th February, 1906. [380]

AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Hon. THE HARBOR MASTER, to sell by Public Auction,

On TUESDAY,

the 13th February, 1906, at 10.30 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road (Corner of Lee House Street),

Fire Cases, RIFLES and EXPLOSIVES.

N.B.—Inspection Orders can be had on application at the Government Gunpowder Depot, Green Island.

Terms:—As usual.

HUGHES & HUGHES,

Government Auctioneers, Hongkong, 6th February, 1906. [365]

INTIMATIONS.

POLO.

THE MEMBERS of the POLO CLUB, will be at Home to their Friends To-day (SATURDAY) 10th inst., at 4 o'clock. Hongkong, 8th February, 1906. [379]

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M. on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 12th, 13th and 14th instant. Hongkong, 7th February, 1906. [374]

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

"PRINCESS TOTO,"

A Comic Opera in Three Acts,

BY W. S. GILBERT.

Will be Produced on

THURSDAY, ... 15th FEB., 1906.

FRIDAY, ... 16th " "

SATURDAY, ... 17th " "

MONDAY, ... 19th " "

TUESDAY, ... 20th " "

WEDNESDAY ... 21st " "

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SAILOES and SOLD'NS in uniform Half Price to Pit Stalls.

Doors Open at 8 P.M. Performance at 8 P.M.

Booking Office at ROBINSON PLANO Co., Open on and after TUESDAY, the 9th February, from 10 A.M. to 4.30 P.M. each day.

M. S. NORTHCOTE,

Business Manager, Hongkong, 3rd February, 1906. [330]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

RACQUET COURT TOURNAMENT, 1906.

ENTRIES for the above TOURNAMENT, comprising SINGLE and DOUBLE HANDICAPS and CHAMPIONSHIP, may be made on the list provided for the purpose on the Notice Boards at the Cricket Club Pavilion and at the Racquet Court. ENTRIES close on THURSDAY, 15th instant, at 8 P.M.

The FIRST ROUND commences on MONDAY 19th instant, and the FINAL ROUNDS must be played off (weather permitting) on SATURDAY, 10th March.

E. A. RAM,

H. W. SLADE,

Maj. C. F. M. WATKINS, } Handicap Committee.

A. R. LOWE, Secretary, Hongkong, 9th February, 1906. [331]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1906.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY (OFF-DAY),

12th, 13th, 14th and 17th FEBRUARY.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., at the Club Office, Price 87 for the Meeting (including the Off-Day), or 83 per day. Tickets for the Off-Day, 82.

No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course, Hongkong, 6th February, 1906. [359]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the Races on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 17th instant.

A Stand and an Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families. Tickets for which will be sent out with the Members' Tickets after WEDNESDAY, 7th instant.

All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.

Special accommodation will be reserved for Chinese Ladies and their Female Attendants in the Stand erected on the plot of Ground next to the Lusitania Club Stand.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course, Hongkong, 6th February, 1906. [359]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the RACE COURSE during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS which can be had on application to the Undersigned between WEDNESDAY, 7th and MONDAY, 12th inst.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course, Hongkong, 6th February, 1906. [361]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM this date, and during the Absence of Mr. Geo. L. TOMLIN from the Colony, Mr. C. PEMBERTON has been Appointed ACTING SECRETARY to the Company.

A. G. WOOD,

Chairman, Hongkong, 31st January, 1906. [303]

DR. M. H. CHAUN.

THE latest Method of the AMERICAN SYSTEM of DENTISTRY.

37, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1905. [2056]

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CHAMPAGNE GROWERS AND SHIPPERS.

Ship only the Finest Quality Extra Dry (Green Seal).

LAUTS, WEGENER & CO., Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1905. [122]

PUBLIC COMPANY

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

LETTER TO POLICYHOLDERS FROM THE PRESIDENT.

New York, December 14th, 1905.

TO THE POLICYHOLDERS:

I had hoped to make some statement to you before this, but I have believed it was best to wait until I could give you a final conclusion in regard to the financial condition of the Society based on full investigation. This explains the delay in communicating with you.

On June 9th last, under the condition that I should have full power as to men and methods, and with no pledges of any kind to any one, I was elected by the Directors of the Society as CHAIRMAN of the BOARD, and at once assumed the active management of the Society's affairs.

Soon after I was elected PRESIDENT of the SOCIETY and the Office of Chairman was abolished.

One of the first acts of my administration was the employment of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company, chartered accountants of Great Britain and New York, and Messrs. Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants of New York, to investigate the affairs of the Society, under directions to render complete and exhaustive reports on the following subjects:

1. The Society's annual expenses, including legal expenses, advertising expenses, agency expenses, and cost of securing business.

2. The real estate investments of the Company, including in the case of each parcel the value at which it is carried upon the books of the Society; the income which it yields; and the fair valuation of the property, whether above or below the value at which it is carried upon the books of the Society.

3. The other investments of the Society; their character; and the circumstances under which they have been made.

4. The Society's surplus and the manner in which it is carried upon the books of the Society.

5. The methods of keeping the Society's accounts, and the respects in which its accounting may be improved.

6. The relations between the Society and the trust companies, banks, safe deposit companies, and other institutions with which the Society is affiliated by ownership of considerable amount of stock or otherwise.

7. In the case of every corporation in which the Society has a dominant or important interest, or with which the Society has special relations, the ownership of stock other than that owned by the Society should be ascertained so far as practicable.

8. The subjects covered by the report of the Investigating Committee of which Mr. Frick was Chairman should be fully investigated.

9. When the report of the New York Superintendent of Insurance has been made that report should be carefully studied and every matter covered by it or by the recommendations of the Commissioner should be carefully examined.

Subsequently a still more elaborate plan of investigation was agreed upon with these accountants, and I thought it only American in insurance company ever before had such an exhaustive examination.

It has taken a large force of men five months to ascertain the exact financial status of the Society, now fully exposed by the balance sheet transmitted with the following note and reproduced on pages 6 and 7.

New York, November 25th, 1905.

Mr. PAUL MORTON, President,

The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, 120, Broadway, New York.

DEAR SIR:—The exhaustive examination which we have made of the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States is so far completed, that we are now able to furnish you with a Balance Sheet showing the true Financial Position of the Society, on September 30th, 1905.

The Assets of the Society as claimed were all found to be on hand, and amounted in value to \$415,166,500.10 as shown by the Balance Sheet.

The Surplus over and above all Liabilities amounted to \$67,142,865.42.

A conservative revaluation of the Assets, including a re-appraisal of all the real estate owned by the Society or covered by mortgages held by the Society, has resulted in a reduction in certain of the values adopted in the Society's last Annual Report, principally in Real Estate and in Stocks of certain financial institutions.

Your very truly,

(Signed) PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.,

Chartered Accountants, &c.

By A. LOWRE DICKINSON, F.C.A., C.P.A. (Signed) HASKINS & SELLS,

Certified Public Accountants, by ELIJAH W. SELLS, C.P.A.

You will be gratified to learn:

(1) That all the assets claimed by the Society are on hand, and of a high grade, and are conservatively valued at \$415,166,500.10.

(2) That over and above all liabilities, the surplus is \$67,142,865.42, about seven-eighths of which is a fund for division among existing deferred dividend policies at the end of their accumulation periods.

(3) That the reduction in the book value of our assets and surplus is caused by a revaluation on a conservative basis, and in no way reduces the income of the Society.

The decrease in the value of assets is chiefly in real estate which was carried at prices too high, and in shares of certain financial institutions which were carried at market prices based on transactions which were deemed by the accountants to be excessive.

ECONOMIES amounting to \$800,000.00 a year have already been introduced, which if capitalized on a four per cent. basis would be equivalent to an additional investment of over \$2,000,000.00. This more than covers the marking down of assets. I expect to institute still further economies of a radical character.

Under the past management transactions involving the expenditure of large sums of money have been carried through frequently without any proper authority of the Board of Directors and with very meagre bookkeeping records so that it has been difficult in many instances to secure explanation of certain transactions which have taken place during the last ten years, some of which involve a financial loss to the Society.

The liabilities discovered by the Society, and the amount restored to the Society approximate \$481

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

ALCINOUS, British str., 4278, Davies, 8th Feb.
Liverpool and Singapore 2nd February.
General—Butterfield & Swire.

CHINKIANG, British steamer, 9th February.
from Canton.

DAIJIN MARU, Japanese str., 900, H. Ohta,
9th Feb.—Tamsui 6th Feb., Amoy 7th
and Swatow 8th, General—Osaka Shosen
Kaisha.

DROMEDA, German str., 774, H. Schlackier, 9th
Feb.—Swatow 8th, General—Osaka
Shosen Kaisha.

DONJOLO, British str., 4723, G. Phillips, 9th
Feb.—London 4th Jan. and Singapore 4th
Feb., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

KOHSHIANG, German str., 1240, G. Goewich,
9th Feb.—Bangkok and Amoy 1st Feb.
Kie and Timor—Butterfield & Swire.

Levens, German gunboat, 9th February, from
Canton.

PITTSBURGH, German str., 1267, L. Goerken,
9th Feb.—Bangkok 31st Jan., Rice and
General—Butterfield & Swire.

TEAN, British str., 1346, Brown, 9th Feb.—
Manila 6th Feb., General—Butterfield &
Swire.

TRUTONIA, German str., 2400, H. Osterreich,
9th February, Hamburg, 2nd December,
Port Said 10th January and Singapore,
2nd February, General—Order.

ZHEHNGIA, British str., 2680, T. M. Packham,
8th Feb.—Rangoon via Singapore 25th
Jan., General—Order.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
February 9th.

ALCINOUS, British str., for Shanghai.

ARCADIA, British str., for Singapore.

TAJIMA, British str., for Manila.

DEPARTURES.

February 9th.

CLARA JESSIE, German str., for Saigon.

February 9th.

ANAMA, British str., for Saigon.

BURBON, French str., for Saigon.

FLIZ RICKMERS, German str., for Bangkok.

FRITHJOF, Norwegian str., for Swatow.

HATJUN, British str., for Swatow.

KORSA, American str., for San Francisco.

M. STEUVE, German str., for Hainan.

RHEINLAND, German str., for Hamburg.

TALISMAN, British str., for Saigon.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German str. *Zehngia* reports: Very
fine weather and light winds throughout.
The British str. *Zhehngia* reports: Light
to moderate breeze, very slight sea. On the
2nd Feb. dense fog.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

February 9th.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—Quarta.

OWSON DOCKS.—Frithjof, Katherine Park,
Nashua, M. Steuve, Elizabeth Rickmers, Quin-
to, Hongkong, Ithaka, Tholma, U.S.A.T. Sevard,
Atlanta.

OSMOLYAN DOCK.—Hana, Chitli,
U.S.S. Barry.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

Jan. 3th.—Carnegie, 13th.—Tudor City,
Persia, Fritze, 19th.—Pera, Radnorshire, Don-
golo, Guelia, 19th.—Armand Behar, Bengali,
Jock Day, 23rd.—Jana, Palermo, Silesia (Ger.),
Princess Alice, Bhaetia, Suevia, Yangtze, Lo-
thion, Lueta, 26th.—Amara, Bengale, Diomed,
Oceanica, Sithonia, Ghazee, Longor, 30th.—
Slovania, Faldon Hall, Glenavon, Afghan
Prince, Borussia, Den of Kelly, Den of Maine,
Feb. 2.—Agamemnon, Tydeus, Lada, Heliopolis,
6th.—Benelux, Beudant, Naga, Heronethis-
sippi, Socotra, Indrag, Linn, Messel.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

Feb. 6th.—Prins Eder, Friedrich, Glaucon,
Ernest Simon, Gleneloch, Hector, Hyson.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

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Captain F. W. Packham, will be despatched as
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Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. [35]

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Hongkong, 31st January, 1906. [4]

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Hongkong, 7th February, 1906. [37]

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Hongkong, 30th January, 1906. 200

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1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

| DESTINATION | VESSEL'S NAME | FLAG & REG. | BERTH | CAPTAIN | FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO | TO BE DESPATCHED |
|--|------------------|--------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LONDON, &c., via USUAL PORTS OF CALL | ARCADIA | Brit. str. | — | W. W. Cooke, R.N.B. | P. & O. S. N. Co. | To-day, at Noon. |
| LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c. | JAPAN | Brit. str. | — | E. P. Martin, R.N.B. | P. & O. S. N. Co. | About 14th inst. |
| LONDON & ANTWERP | GLINSTRAB | Brit. str. | — | J. McGillivray | McGREGOR BROS. & GOW | About 22nd inst. |
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP | BENLIE | Brit. str. | — | Wallace | GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. | About 23rd inst. |
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP | PATROCLUS | Brit. str. | 1 m. | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 13th inst. |
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP | SAINT BEDE | Brit. str. | 1 m. | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 27th inst. |
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP | ACHILLES | Brit. str. | 1 m. | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 27th inst. |
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP | ALCINOUS | Brit. str. | 1 m. | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 27th inst. |
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP | DIOMEDE | Brit. str. | 1 m. | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 27th inst. |
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP | TERRENAI | Brit. str. | 1 m. | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 27th inst. |
| MARSEILLES, HAVRE, ANTWERP (DIRECT) | KOUANG SI | Franch. str. | — | Ailland | MESSAGERIES MARITIMES | On 20th inst., at 1 P.M. |
| MARSEILLES, &c., via PORTS OF CALL | SALAZAR | Ger. str. | — | R. Meyer | MELCHERS & CO. | On 14th inst., at Noon. |
| HAMBURG, via PORTS OF CALL | LIBERIE | Ger. str. | — | Kier | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 27th inst. |
| HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c. | SPEZIA | Ger. str. | k. w. | Müller | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 21st inst. |
| HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c. | SAMBIA | Ger. str. | k. w. | Ehlers | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 7th Mar. |
| HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c. | SAXONIA | Ger. str. | k. w. | Sachs | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 21st Mar. |
| HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c. | SILESIA | Ger. str. | k. w. | Bahle | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 4th April. |
| HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c. | SENEGAMBIA | Ger. str. | k. w. | Peter | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 18th April. |
| HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c. | SEGOVIA | Ger. str. | k. w. | Schönfeldt | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 24th April. |
| TRIESTE, &c., via SINGAPORE, &c. | AUSTRIA | Aus. str. | — | Colledani | SANDER, WISLER & CO. | About 12th inst. |
| GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL | ANTENOR | Brit. str. | 1 m. | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 20th inst., at 1 P.M. |
| GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL | PERAN | Brit. str. | — | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 14th inst., at Noon. |
| GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL | AGAMEMNON | Brit. str. | — | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 20th inst. |
| NEW YORK VIA PORTS OF CALL | YEDDO | Brit. str. | — | Baird | ARNOLD, KARBURG & CO. | About 27th inst. |
| VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c. | ST. GEORGE | Brit. str. | — | — | DODWELL & CO., LD. | About 20th inst. |
| VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c. | TARTAR | Brit. str. | 1 m. | — | CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO. | On 21st inst. |
| VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN | EMPEROR OF JAPAN | Brit. str. | 2 m. | — | CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO. | On 13th inst. |
| VICTORIA (B.C.) SEATTLE, &c., via JAPAN | HYADES | Am. str. | — | J. Alwen | DODWELL & CO., LIMITED. | On 24th inst. |
| SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN | YANGTZE | Am. str. | — | — | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | About 16th Mar. |
| PORTLAND, OREGON VIA SHANGHAI, &c. | MINNESOTA | Am. str. | — | J. H. Rinder | PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO. | On 20th inst., at Daylight. |
| SAN FRANCISCO VIA PORTS | ARABIA | Ger. str. | — | Motzensthai | SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. | About end of Feb. |
| AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | PERLIN | Brit. str. | — | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 28th inst. |
| AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | DAIJI MARU | Brit. str. | — | Powell | GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. | On 3rd Mar., at Noon. |
| YOKOHAMA & KOBE | KASERN | Brit. str. | — | Obenauer | MELCHERS & CO. | On 6th Mar., at Noon. |
| YOKOHAMA VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KORE | WILLERHAD | Ger. str. | — | — | MELCHERS & CO. | On 12th inst. |
| JAPAN VIA SHANGHAI | JAVA | Brit. str. | — | S. Barcham | P. & O. S. N. Co. | About 20th inst. |
| TSINGTAO & CHEFOO | TSIMAMI | Dut. str. | — | — | JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN L.I.N. | On 17th inst. |
| SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW | CHINKIANG | Brit. str. | 1 m. | G. Phillips | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | About 9th inst. |
| SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW | DONGLOA | Brit. str. | — | N. Kobayashi | JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. | On 13th inst., at Daylight. |
| SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW | KWONGSANG | Brit. str. | — | A. Hansen | OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA | On 15th inst., at 8 A.M. |
| TAMAU VIA SWATOW & AMOY | ANTING MARU | Jap. str. | — | H. Ohta | OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA | On 22nd inst., at 8 A.M. |
| TAMAU VIA SWATOW & AMOY | TRIUMPH | Jap. str. | — | S. Tagami | OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA | To-morrow, at 8 A.M. |
| AMOY STRAITS & RANGOON | DAIJI MARU | Jap. str. | — | F. W. Packham | JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. | On 18th inst., at 8 A.M. |
| MANILA | ZHEHNGIA | Brit. str. | — | — | JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. | To-morrow, at Daylight. |
| MANILA | LOONGSANG | Brit. str. | — | R. Rodger | JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. | To-day, at Noon. |
| MANILA | ZAFIRO | Brit. str. | — | — | SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. | To-day, at Noon. |
| MANILA | TEAN | Brit. str. | 1 m. | R. Almond | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 16th inst., at 4 P.M. |
| MANILA | YUENSANG | Brit. str. | — | — | JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. | On 17th inst., at Noon. |
| MANILA | RUBI | Brit. str. | — | — | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 15th inst. |
| CEBU & ILOILO | SENGKIANG | Brit. str. | 1 m. | — | JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. | To-day, at 3 P.M. |
| SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA | LAISANG | Brit. str. | — | W. R. Le Mare, R.N.B. | P. & O. S. N. Co. | On 12th inst., at 5 P.M. |
| SINGAPORE & BOMBAY | PERAN | Brit. str. | — | A. Stewart | DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD. | On 14th inst., at 3 P.M. |
| SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA | CATHERINE AARAS | Brit. str. | — | Beletto | CARLOWITZ & CO. | On 14th inst., at Noon. |
| BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE & PENANG | CAPRI | Ital. str. | — | — | — | — |

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| "EMPEROR OF CHINA" | 6,000 | WEDNESDAY, 28th Mar. | 18th April. | |
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Hongkong, 120th December, 1905. [20]

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FOR
* MANILA "LOONGSANG" Saturday, 10th Feb., Noon.
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Hongkong, 9th February, 1906. 18

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| STEAMSHIP | TONS. | CAPTAIN | TO SAIL DAYLIGHT ON |
|-------------|-------|-------------|----------------------|
| "ARABIA" | 4,483 | Motzensthai | February 20th, 1906. |
| "ARAGONIA" | 5,198 | Ernst | March 11th, 1906. |
| "NICOMEDIA" | 4,370 | Wagmann | March 25th, 1906. |
| "NUMANTIA" | 4,370 | Feldmann | April 8th, 1906. |

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. 113

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

| STEAMERS. | DESTINATIONS. | SAILING DATE. |
|------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| SPEZIA | HAVRE and HAMBURG | On 21st Feb. Freight. |
| Capt. Müller | (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo) | |
| LIBERIA | HAMBURG | On 27th Feb. Freight. |
| Capt. Kier | (Calling at Singapore) | |
| SAMBIA | HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG | On 7th Mar. Freight. |
| Capt. Ehlers | (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo) | |
| SAXONIA | HAVRE and HAMBURG | On 21st Mar. Freight. |
| Capt. Sachs | (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo) | |
| SILESIA | HAVRE and HAMBURG | On 4th April Freight & Passengers. |
| Capt. Bahle | (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo) | |
| SENEGAMBIA | HAVRE and HAMBURG | On 18th April Freight. |
| Capt. Peter | (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo) | |
| SEGOVIA | HAVRE and HAMBURG | On 2nd May Freight. |
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